

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims below is intended to replace all prior listings of claims presented in the above-identified application.

1-27 (canceled)

28. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising at least one immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region of PspC, wherein the polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 61, and SEQ ID NO: 63.

29. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

30. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

31. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

32. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 61.

33. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 63.

34. (currently amended) An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising ~~at least one immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region of PspC, wherein the polypeptide is~~ has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, and SEQ ID NO: 67.

35. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.

36. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

37. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7.

38. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

39. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9.

40. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11.

41. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12.

42. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of comprising SEQ ID NO: 13.

43. (canceled)

44. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 65.

45. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 66.

46. (withdrawn) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 67.

47. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising at least one immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region of SEQ ID NO: 68.